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SUBJECT: EXERCISE DEEP EXPRESS 75 IN THE AEGEAN AND
TURKISH THRACE

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1. WE SHARE MISSION'S ASSESSMENT THAT THIS EXERCISE CAN
POSE PROBLEMS FOR GREECE IF IT TAKES PLACE WITHOUT
ALTERATIONS FROM THE PRESENT SCENARIO, AND CAN ANGER
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TURKS IF SCENARIO IS CHANGED TO ACCOMMODATE LIKELY GREEK
OBJECTIONS. AIR ASPECTS OF THIS EXERCISE SEEM ESPECIALLY
LIKELY TO BE OPPOSED BY GREECE IN VIEW OF POTENTIAL
PROBLEMS THEY POSE WITH REGARD TO GREEK AIR SPACE AND

FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR).

2. WE AGREE WITH MISSION THAT BEST COURSE AT PRESENT IS TO LET GREECE TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN NATO SHOULD GREECE DECIDE TO STATE ITS PROBLEMS WITH THIS EXERCISE. IF OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE EXERCISE, OTHER THAN TURKEY, (UK, FRG, ITALY, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS) ASK ABOUT POSSIBLE GREEK REACTIONS, MISSION SHOULD SAY THAT, IF GREECE RAISES OBJECTIONS, WE WOULD LIKE TO COORDINATE OUR REACTIONS CLOSELY WITH THESE ALLIES SO AS TO AVOID EXACERBATING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH EITHER GREECE OR TURKEY. KISSINGER

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